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REMARKS

This Amendment amends claims 1, 8 and 11. Page 5, lines 8-9 support the definition of R_4 as --aralkyl--. Claims 1-12 are pending.

Examiner Cheng is thanked for acknowledging the Applicants' Finnish priority claim. However, an English translation of the priority document is not required unless one of the three situations listed in 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a)(4)(i) are present. None of those situations are present in this application.

This Amendment overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1-12. Claims 1, 8 and 11 have been amended by defining R_4 as --aralkyl--. The specification enables one of ordinary skill to practice the claimed process, and make and use the claimed compound, without undue experimentation, particularly in view of page 4, lines 20-26 and the illustrative use of benzylamine in the Examples. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the non-enablement rejection of claims 1-12 are earnestly requested.

This Amendment overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1-7 for failure to comply with the written description requirement. The preamble of claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the written description rejection of claims 1-7 are earnestly requested.

This Amendment overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-12. As discussed above, claims 1, 8 and 11 now define R₄ as --aralkyl--, which is itself defined at page 4, lines 20-26 of the specification. One of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand the metes and bounds of the claimed process and compound. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-12 are earnestly requested.

This Amendment overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-7. The preamble of claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-7 are earnestly requested.

This Amendment overcomes the objection to claim 1, which has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 are earnestly requested.

The objection to the specification is respectfully traversed. The format set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b) is merely preferred,

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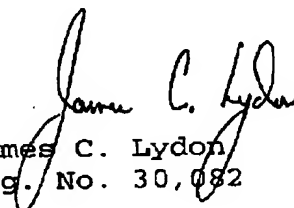
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and not mandatory. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are earnestly requested.

It is believed this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections of claims 1-12, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed to those claims, are earnestly requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned should she believe any further action is required for allowance.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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